## What is claimed is:

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- 1. A heating drying type infrared moisture meter which detects the temperature of a heated and dried sample by using temperature detection means for carrying out moisture content determination, wherein said temperature detection means is configured with a radiation thermometer which carries out infrared radiation detection.
- 2. The heating drying type infrared moisture meter according to claim 1, wherein said radiation thermometer is disposed just above, aslant above, just under, or aslant under a sample plate, which is a component of said heating drying type infrared moisture meter, with a definite separation from a sample on the sample plate being provided.
- 3. The heating drying type infrared moisture meter according to claim 1, wherein said radiation thermometer is disposed in a location where it is permitted to receive infrared radiation which is conducted through a light conducting member disposed above a sample plate, which is a component of said heating drying type infrared moisture meter.
- 4. The heating drying type infrared moisture meter according to any one of the claims 1 to 3, wherein said radiation thermometer is covered with a heat insulating material.
- 5. The heating drying type infrared moisture meter according to any one of the claims 1 to 4, wherein the light receiving portion of said radiation thermometer is provided with a removable clear protection cover.
- 6. The heating drying type infrared moisture meter according to any one of the claims 1 to 5, wherein a heating reference element for carrying out temperature calibration of the radiation thermometer is removably disposed inside of said sample

plate.

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- 7. A heating drying type infrared moisture meter which detects the temperature of a sample heated and dried on a sample plate by using temperature detection means for carrying out moisture content determination, wherein
- said temperature detection means is a radiation thermometer which is covered with a heat insulating material, being disposed just above, aslant above, just under, or aslant under the sample plate with a definite separation from a sample on the sample plate being provided, and which light receiving portion is provided with a removable clear protection cover, and
- a heating reference element for carrying out temperature calibration of the radiation thermometer is removably disposed inside of said sample plate.
  - 8. A heating drying type infrared moisture meter which detects the temperature of a sample heated and dried on a sample plate by using temperature detection means for carrying out moisture content determination, wherein
- said temperature detection means is a radiation thermometer which is covered with a heat insulating material; which light receiving portion is provided with a removable clear protection cover; and which is disposed in a location where it is permitted to receive infrared radiation which is conducted through a light conducting member disposed above a sample plate, and
- a heating reference element for carrying out temperature calibration of the radiation thermometer is removably disposed inside of said sample plate.